# PROTEST TO BE MADE BY BIDDERS

Tangle Arises Over Contract for State Print-

ing.

FIGURES WERE REVEALED

Public Printer and Mr. Waddy Misunderstood Each Other.

Owing largely perhaps to the fact that the printers strike is on, perplexing complications have arisen in connection with the awarding of contracts for State printing by Mr. Davis Bottom, who was recently appointed to the position of Public

It will be recalled that Mr. Bottom rejected the bids of the three concerns who sufficiency of competition," and now they are protesting that their figures were seen become future bidders.

They claim, too, that the Typothetae has combined against them, and that Mr. Bottom has not regarded the equities of the

mitted, and rejected were the Picot Company, D. J. Sullivan and Herndon, Lester & Ivy. They were not hurt by the strike, and while their thing are not among the large ones in the city, yet they claim to be able to do the work satisfactory, and that they would have given bonds for the protection of the State's interests.

Figures Revealed.

These firms will protest on the ground that Mr. Bottom promised not to reveal their figures to persons not bidding, in case their bids were rejected, and that though the bids were rejected, the bids were revealed. were revealed. It is claimed that when the bids were

tris cialment that when the mas were cepened, Mr. Everett Waddey was one of those present; that he was asked by Mr. Bottom if he would submit a bid, and that he replied in the affirmative, at the same time handing Mr. Bottom two en-

One of these was afterwards found to contain the Waddey Company's bid for book-binding, and the other a joint com-munication from the concerns affiliated

with the Typotheta.

Mr. Waddey and Mr. Bottom evidently misunderstood one another. At any rate the bids were opened in Mr. Waddey's presence, and he saw the figures.

Mr. Waddey said last night, that he did not catch Mr. Bottom's question clearly, and did not think he had asked him if he would bid on the printing.

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Mr. Bottom's said last night that he was not yet in a position to discuss the matter at length. or to reveal the nature of the letter from the Typothetae. He stated, however, that he had undoubtedly understood Mr. Waddey to say that he intended to submit a bid and that this influenced him to read the figures of the other three houses. Thinking he had four bids before him, he felt justified in opening them and proceeding with the reading. And while he had indeed verally promised not to reveal any figures in case the competition was insufficient, he thought his promise under the circumstances was construed rather too liberally by the complainants.

It was necessary for him to exercise discretion in the whole matter and to regulate his actions accordingly.

The rejected bidders have not yet done with the matter. They are going to make a fullsh fight before the Board of Public Officials, before whom they have a right to appeal—Governor Montague, Auditor Marye and Secretary of the Commonwealth Eggleston. Mr. Bottom, on the other hand, will have the backing of Attorney-General Anderson, who advised him in the matter.

Binding Contracts.

Mr. Bottom has awarded the following bids for binding the State's printed matter: I. Binding Acts of Assembly (5,000 cop-

les)—L. H. Jenkins. II. Binding Senate Journal and docu-ments (300 copies)—L. H. Jenkins. III. Binding House Journal and docu-ments (300 copies)—L. H. Jenkins. IV. Binding annual reports of officer and institutions (60) (oples)—L. H. Jen kins.

V. Binding annual report of State Cor-coration Commission (500 copies)—S. B.

VI. Binding annual report of the Secretary of the Commonwealth (500 copies) L. H. Jenkins.
VII. Binding annual report of the Department of Public Instruction (500 copies)

-L. H. Jenkins, YIII. Folding, stitching, trimming, counting off and distributing Senate and Ho se Journals, documents, bills, advance sheets, Acts of Assembly, etc.—S. B. Ad-

kins & Co.

IX. Rulins, binding and labelling land
books-Welmouth, Meister & Smethey.

X. Ruling, binding and labelling property books-Welmouth, Meister & Smeth-

ey. XI. Ruling, binding, wrapping and labelling poll books-II. L. Tyrec.
XII. Ruling, binding, indexing, wrapping and labelling registration books-II.

"Tyree.
XIII. Rebinding land books-Weymouth,

XIII. Rebinding land books—Weymouth, Meister & Smethey, XIV. Rebinding property books—Weymouth, Meister and Smethey, XV. Numberling, binding, perforating and labelling check books—Weymouth, Meister & Smethey, XVI. Collating, pressing and binding folded sheets—H. L. Tyree, XVII. (a) Job ruling; (b) padding, blocking, otc.; padding letter heads, note heads, etc.—H. L. Tyree.

# Wedding Gifts

OUR stocks include many articles which will appeal to those desiring wedding gifts inexpensive in price, but of KNOWN QUAL-ITY.

careful attention. Goods sent on approval, express prepaid.

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Established Over a Century. Jewellers, Silversmiths, Stationers, 1107 Pennsylvania Avenue.

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ored leather back and corners—S. B. Ad-kins & Co. XX. Painphlet work, folded, stitched and trimmed; covered or uncovered—H.

### LEE'S CHANCES.

Fairfax Legislator Writes That

He Feels Much Encouraged.
The fight for the speakership of the text House of Delegates is growing quite hard at work to capture the honor. Messrs. Cardwell and Churchman were both here at the recent meeting of the State Committee, and were moving about

State Committee, and were moving about among the leaders.
Colonel Robert E. Lee, Jr., of Fairfax, who is the other aspirant, writes a friend in this city that he is not only in the race to stay, but that he is receiving much encouragement from his friends in different sections of the State, and that he believes his prospects for lipiding the honor are very good.

The speakership of the House has always been regarded as a coveted honor, and it has been worn by some of the most distinguished men in the State, including Judge R. H. Cardwell, of the

and it has been worn by some or the most distinguished mon in the State, including Judge R. H. Cardwell, of the Supreme Court; Hon. Marshall Hanger, of Augusta, and others.

The triangular but friendly contest between Messrs. Lee, Cardwell and Churchman will, it is thought, develop into a very pretty one before it is over.

#### MR. SLEMP TALKS.

Republican State Chairman

Spends a Few Hours Here. Mr. C. Bascom Slemp, of Big Sione Cap, chairman of the State Republican Committee, spent a few hours in Rich-mond last night, and after a brief con-ference with some of his lieutenants here, left over the Norfolk and Western for his headquarters in Romoke. Mr. Slemp declared that his people were getting their campaign in good shape and would have it in full blast the first week in October.

He announced the following appoint-

ments in the State for Segetary of the Treasury L. M. Shaw: Richmond. October 2d; Lanculle. October 3d; Lynchblirg. October 4th; Staunton. October 5th; Norfolk. October 6th; Newport News, October 7th; Lexington, October 9th. Ex-Congressman J. Yost will speak with Mr. Shaw in Richmond and Norfolk, and some local speaker will go with him to

some local speaker will go with him to other appointments.

When asked if it was his policy to have nominations for the Legislature in all the districts this fall, Mr. Siemp said this was a matter for the local committees to determine for themselves. He deeech, which would shortly be give

### BIJOU BILL PLEASES.

Mason & Mason Entertain Large

Audience at Family Theatre. Mason and Mason, as Fritz and Snitz ustained by a chorus of pretty girls, ensustained by a chorus of pretty girls, en-tertained a large audience at the Bijou last night. The play is made up of song and clever dialogue, interspersed with plenty of lively and catchy music, and a successful week is assuredly ahead of the

popular price house.

Many a laugh was won by the merry makers last night. The lines are clever and clean, and the costumes unusually

#### CARGO OF WILD ANIMALS LACERATED THE SAILORS

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, September 25.—A badly lacerated crew arrived here to-day on the steamer Indramayo, guarding a cargo of wild animals, from Chinese and Japanese ports. Six leopards and two big snakes caused most of the injuries which were inflicted by teh animals during an exciting voyage. Besides these animals the Indramayo started out with an ele-Besides these animals

#### EASTERN SHORE MERCHANT THROWN INTO BANKRUPTCY

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, VA., Sept. 25.—William T.
Travis, of Oyster, one of the prominent
merchants of the Eastern Shore of Virginia, was thrown into bankrupt court
here to-day on the petition of his creditors to the United States Court. They allege that he has committed acts of bankruptcy in transferring \$5,500 to Sarah R.
Travis and \$3,000 to Severn B. Travis been
served on him by the deputy marshal.

#### BRAKEMAN ROWZIE DIES FROM EFFECT OF INJURIES

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

# ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE OF ROBERT H. CARROLL

A Former Richmond Man Cuts His Throat at Providence R. I.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) PROVIDENCE, R. I., Sept. 25.—Tired of living and despondent, Robert H. Carof living and despondent, Robert H. Carricoll, aged thirty years, tried to commit suicide by slashing his throat with a razor about 9:30 o'clock this morning, at his bourding place. 15 Bassett Street, Carroll has been in this city about a year and a half, coming here from Richmond, Va., where he has a wife and two oblidies.

moad, Va., where he has a wife and two children.

He was employed by a saloon-keeper in Burrill Street, and this morning he did not report for work at his usual time. This led his employer to send a man named Harrall to his lodging house to ascertain where he was. Harrall arrived at the house about 9:40 o'clock, and inquired of Mrs. Minnie Weidner, with whom Carroll boarded, as to where he was. Mrs. Weidner stated that he had not been down to breakfast, and suggested that perhaps he had not arisen. She told Harrall to go up to Carroll's room and arouse him, if he could. Harrall started up the stairs, and when he knocked at the door received no answer. He tried the door, and, finding it unlocked, entered. He saw Carroll lying across the bed with blood dowing from a gash in his throat. He was unconscious.

Harrall hastened from the house and telephoned for an ambulance. When the conveyance arrived Carroll was taken to the Rhode Island Hospital, where an operation was performed, and the cut in his neck was sewed up. It was found that he had slashed himself with a razor, the gash extending from the left ear well around under the chin. He severed a number of the smaller arterics of the neck in his attaken to the Rhode Island Hospital, where an operation was performed, and the cut in his neck was sewed up. It was found that he had slashed himself with a razor, the gash extending from the left ear well around under the chin. He severed a number of the smaller arteries of the neck in his attempt to end his life, but did not cut deep enough to reach the main artery. The doctors at the hospital say that the high recovers and the left was upon the evidence and hear argument from the children and the ligher court will pass upon the evidence and hear argument from the doctors at the hospital say that he, will recover a large of the neck in his attempt to end his life, but did not cut deep enough to reach the main artery. The doctors at the hospital say that he will recover the confidently believed that he will be acquitted.

# FOR ANNEXATION

Henrico Citizens Hold a Rousing Meeting in the East End.

### ADVANTAGES POINTED OUT

Mr. Meredith Addresses the Assembly, Outlining Reasons for Annexation.

Annexation was the key note of the meeting of citizens residing in Henrico county between Chimborazo Park and east of the city limits, held at Thirtyfourth and P Streets last night.

Mr. C. V. Merediih, who, in all likeli-hood will be counsel for the citizens of the territory who are clamoring for an-nexation, addressed the meeting. He cited the laws governing the question and gave as his unqualified opinion that the residents of the territory named, would prove successful in their fight, boasts by citizens living in other parts of the country to the contrary, notwithstanding. And in cheering, the citizens at the meeting, Mr. Meredith did not neglect to pay a glowing tribute to Richmond and its officials. He declared that this city was in a better financial condition and more able to court annexation of contigious territory and to offer greater inducements than ever be-

The meeting was called to order by Chairman J. W. Gentry. During the read-ing of the minutes by Secretary Bradey Treasurer Meyers, with an assistant, was busy writing receipts for those who had contributed to the fund to be used in prosecuting the movement for annexa-tion. It is proposed to raise about \$700 for a fund with which to defray the ex-penses of the league, and for the em-

ployment of an attorney.

After the minutes were read, Chairman Gentry announced that the business of the league would be suspended, while the members heard from Mr. C. 7. Meredith,

who was present.
At the offset, Mr. Meredith explained the law regarding annexation. Under the new Constitution, no special laws could be enacted by the Legislature taking in any contiguous territory by a city, said Mr. Mercdith. Then he gave those pres-ent an understanding of the general law applicable to annexation. Parenthetically applicable to annexation. Farentietically be mentioned the annexation ordinance that had been passed by the Richmond City Council. Every pre-caution had been taken by the Richmond authorities to avoid any technical question that might arise.

that might arise.

"There is a spirit of fairness in our present city officials that is great for our city," said the speaker. "I would advise that you meet the city half-way in this question. I believe that it will be best for you to come in under the general statute. The topography of your territory will demand improvement. Lee District has taught the city what she did dnot know before. It is fally for any city to wait for houses before improvements—Richmond knows this now. The city put a sewer in Lee District and the result has shown her the wisdom of the move. The same thing will be move. The same thing will

Mr. Meredith then explained about the zens of the annexed territory. He de clared, and quoted the law on the sub ject, that for the next five years afte

Increased Value of Property. Increased Value of Property.

He assured the citizens that City Attorney Pollard would lend his assistance towards helping the annexation. The assessed value of the landed property of Richmond, he showed by figures, has increased 39,590,000 in the last ten years. Richmond's water and gas works, were sufficient for the benefit of any annexed territory. Without regard to her sinking fund, Richmond's assets were \$12,000,000; her debts, \$7,000,000.

"I don't believe there was ever a time whe nany territory could come into the city with better prospects," said the speaker.

The speaker emphasized the fact that there was no time in the history of Airtiginia where the outlying territory gould better profit to seek to come in.

Here the speaker took up the school question. There was no heritage a man could leave his children greater than a good education, he declared. The city, Mr. Meredith said, had erected a school near the limits, and if nothing else was gained by annexation, the school facilities would more than justify the citizens of the annexed territory. He was roundly applauded when he mentioned the educational advantages to be derived from annexation.

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He showed how the citizens could strengthen the hands of the city for the annexation movement.

"I am not going to boast, and certainly not bet, as I hear some on the other side have declared they would, but I think I can hold out to you every prospect of success. The court is going to look at the matter from the principle of what is best for the State at large. Therefore, gentlemen, you may pay no attention to all of this boasting that you will be beaten," declared Mr. Meredith, and again he quoted the law on the subject and concluded by saying: "There is no wise and just judge who would not consider the matter favorably."

A member asked if Mr. Wendenburg, as Commonwealth's Attorney, had any right to interfere with the matter. Mr. Meredith repiled that it would be Mr. Wendenburg's duty. Many other questions were asked by those present, and the meeting resulted in a movement to circulate petitions that will be presented to the court, showing that property owners and voters alike are in favor of annexation.

Condemned Man Talks.

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Condemned wan tarks,
"I feels all right, sur: I been praying
all day; I'm so thankful this won't
be my last day in this world. But I
was realy to go If they wanted me,"
answered Austin Johnson, the negro confined in the Henrico county jail under
conviction of criminally assaulting a
little white girl, when asked how he
felt.

# Gifts for Fall Weddings.

This season's display is by ever shown. Not only for the most elegant and costly, but for beautiful and artistic gifts at moderate prices.
We cordially invite your in-

Sterling Silverware

and

Rich Cut Glass. Your visit is no obligation to

Scwarzschild Bros., Jewellers.

Broad and Second Streets.

DRANK HEAVILY OF DEADLY DRUG Mrs. Sallie Ammonds, of Charles

City, at the Point of Death. SAVED BY HEROIC EFFORTS

Doctors of City Hospital Worked Continuously for Hours-Mystery Unsolved.

Charles City county, who has been on a visit to Mrs. J. A. Booker, at No. 817 North, Twenty-sixth Street, drank an ounce and a half of laudanum yesterday and that she is alive now is due solel to the tireless work for hours on the part City Hospital, Until 2 o'clock cals morn rould almost / certainly die, but from

Drank Heavily of Drug.

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Mrs. Ammonds drunk the first dose of laudanum early yesterday morning, and later in the day took another. She had become so stupified in the evening that by 7 o'clock it was decided by her hosts to call the ambilance. Dr. Tureman responded and took her to the City Hospital, where his colleagues joined him in the effort to saye her life. They worked continuously from 7-roclock until daylight this morning when she was thought to be out org'dinger.

Mrs. Ammonds, who is about fifty years old, came, to visit Mrs. Booker last Thursday. She complained of feeling unwell Friday or Saturday, and some brandy was purchased for her. Yesterday, after she was taken ill, an empty and a half-filled, bottle were found in her valise.

Nothing is know why she took the poison. The City Hospital physicians suggest suicidal attempt unless she was to the healt of taking the drug.

# CAUGHT BETWEEN CARS AND MASHED

Mr. Frank Smith of Fincastle, the ... Victim of Peculiar Accident.

Now in Hospital. Mr. Frank Smith, a farmer living near Fincastle, Va., was caught between two cars on the Main Street line at Fourth and Main Streets shortly after 10 o'clock last night, and received brillses that necessitated his being taken to the Virginia-Hospital for treatment. It is impossible at this time to state whether or not he was injured internally, though it is not thought that this is the case.

From what could be learned of the accident it appears that Mr. Smith attempled to cross the street in front of the west-learned or. He did not notice the easi-

bound car until it was almost upon him. Then it was too late to retreat, a Caught between the two moving cars he was cruck by both and tossed about for a few

cruck by both and Iossed about for a few seconds.

Both cars came to a standstill within a short time, and Mr. Smith was cared for as well as possible until the ambulance arrived. Dr. Turman, of the ambulance, had the injured man i-moved at once to the Virgina Hospital, where he was treated by Dr. MacLean, surgeon for the Passenger and Power Company.

Mr. Smith is a man of about forly-two years of age, and had been in the city for one week.

The Knights at Danville.

The Knights Templar's Tri-angular Con-clave to be held at Danville on the 12th of October is to be a kind of tripple alliof October is to be a kind of trippe ani-ance inspection, and three regular in-spectors will be on hand. Eminent Sir H. Theodore Ellyson will inspect the Lynch-burg Commandery, Eminent Sir T. W. McCaw will look after the Danville Commandery, and Eminent Sir William Baulch will inspect the Roanoke Com-

Baulch will inspect the Romoze Commandery.

These inspections will consume the whole day, and at night a grand banquet will be tendered all the visitors by the Danville Commandery.

# Bank Wins Suit.

Bank Wills Suit.

In the Law and Equity Court yesterday the case of the National Bans of Virginia against the Richmond Flour and Preed Company, and a judgment entered up for the sum of 85.628.42.

Messrs. John B. Rose and Henry Lee Rose and Mrs. Elizabeth Frischkorn qualified in the Chancery Court to-day as executors of the last will and testament of John H. Rose, deceased. The estate was valued at \$20.000.

# SWANSON HOLDS CONFERENCE HERE

Speaks in Orange and Returns Here for Confer-

GOVERNOR IN MIDDLESEX

Will Speak There To-day and Go Regularly Into Campaign.

Congressman Claude A. Swanson, Dom ere from Orange Courthouse last night, having spoken there to a large crown on yesterday. Judge R. T. W. Duke, of Charlottesville, spoke with Mr. Swanson awanson's train was late, and it was nearly 10 o'clock when he arrived. went at once to Democratic headquar ers where he held a conference with oalgn in general and his appointments in

Mr. Swanson will be here until this afternoon, when he will leave for his home in Chatham. Before leaving the etty he will make a long list of appoint-ments, to be announced from State head-

The governor will return here to-morrow and will make many more specches before the battle is over.

Cabell in Surry

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Colonel George C. Cabell, Jr., of Nor-tolk, will address the voters at Surry Courthouse to-day. Senator Martin and Congressman Rixey Senator Martin and Congressman Rixey wil speak at Spotsylvania Courthouse next Monday and in Fredericksburg at night. Chairman Ellyson will likely announce a long list of appointments in a few days. There will be ten courts next Monday, and they will all be covered by the Democrats. Colonel Button was away yesterday, and the headquartors were in charge of Mr. J. N. Brenaman.

## ADOPT NEW BUTTON.

Police to Have Bright Rows Down the Front.

Down the Front.

The Police' Commissioners will at a meeting to be held in the near future adopt a new pattern of buttons for the uniforms of the officers. The new button will have one word "police" written across it and will in many respects be an improvement on the ones now used on the officers' uniforms. It will be easier to keep clean, and will present a better appearance, besides being the regulation policeman button. The buttons now used by the Richmond officers are military puttons.

Alleged Highwayman in Jail. Joe Martin, the negro arrested Sunday night upon a charge of highway rob-bery, was not given a hearing in the magistrate's court of Henrico yesterday. His case will be set for hearing the latter pair of the week. County Policeman Mougham, who made the arrest, believes that he will be able to substantiate the charge and secure a conjuction. The penalty for highway robusty is death.

# A FORMER MINISTER OF WAR OF FRANCE DEAD

Giovannitti-Chapman.

ue traveling suit with hat and gloves to match.

Mr. and Mrs. Chapman left on the 8:05

rain of the Richmond, Fredericksburg
and Potomae for a Northern trip, and on
their return will be pleased to see their
friends at their residence, No. 1210 North
Twenty-seventh Street.

Cotton Mills to Be Built.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., Sept. 25.—The
Flora Cotton Mills Company, already incorporated, will build soon, a site having
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Lowery Mills, White, B. C. is one of
Fayetteville; W. D. McSell, general manniger; J. K. S. Ray, treasurer. The mill
will use chiefly electric power from the
Cape Fear Electric Company.

Dr. Woodward Lectures.

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Dr. F. C. Woodward, professor of English literature, delivered his lecture on the "Elements of Art in Saakespeare" before a large audience at the Woman's College last night. The lecture was enjoyed by all who heard it. The occasion was a reception to the new students of the college, and all greatly enjoyed it. Richmonders in New York.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NEW YORK, September 25.—NavarreJ. M. Whitney, G. F. Turner and wife, W.
R. Northen. St. Donis-T. Wheelwright
Albemarle-T. C. J. Williams. Herus
Square-E. R. Thaw. York-J. Coleman

Irish Eggs.

Chinese at West Joint.

Ting Chian Chen and Ying Hsing Wen are the names of two Chinese who have entered West Point. There are 36 military schools in China, and from those particularly intelligent students have been selected to study the art of war in the military schools of the world. Three thousand are studying in Japan, in order to permit these Chinese studying at West Point Chorgress had to pass a law, which it did at the recommendation of the President and the request of the Chinese syvernment. Chen and Wen student have large studying the stown of the world in 1954 at the University of California, and are said to speak fluently seven larguages.

Mrs. W. E. Robertson and children have returned from Otter Mills, Meckienburg county, where they spent the summer.

Attail Died Willeaut tartons 18

In the East Window we are displaying Bedspreads that are really worthy values at

\$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50 each and, judging from the run on them to-day, they won't last long

# It's Comfort and **Blanket Time**

Comforts at \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$3 Blankets in all grades—some at 48c each and plenty at ten dollars a pair, besides a score or more items at "in between"

Be wise-be here!

# IS A DIFFIGULT THING

John Smith May Not Testify in in Court That He is the Son of Robert Smith.

Paradoxical as it may seem, the mos-

difficult thing to prove in a court of law is who you are. It is a simple matter if you have still living plenty of relatives of an older generation, but suppose you parents and uncles and aunts are dead it becomes well nigh impossible. As a matter of fact, your knowledge of your identity is absolute hearsay. You know

matter of fact, your knowledge of your identity is absolute hearsay. You know your father and mother called you their son, and to that fact you may testify if the question of your identity should ever come before a judge and jury. But the testimony goes before the jury with the warning from the judge that it is only hearsay, for you have no personal knowledge of the matter.

Official town or parish records are valuable, but by no means conclusive. Suppose you are John Smith, son of Robert and Mary Smith, born at Albany on August 1, 1805. The record of births in the Bureau of Vital Statistics at Albany will prove that a son named John was born to Robert and Mary Smith on that date; the register of the church may prove that John, son of Robert and Mary Smith, was baptised on a certain date, but they do not prove that you are the John Smith, of whom those are records.

To establish the connection between you and the person mentioned in the records, in other words, to prove your own identity, is the difficulty. If your mother is allye she can do it. The successive sults for the estate of A. T. Stewart falled on such grounds as these. The plaintiffs, cousins of the late Mrs. Stewart, were unable to prove their relationship.

The successive suits for the cases. The plaintiffs, cousins of the late Mrs. Stewart, were unable to prove their relationship.

It was necessary in one of these cases that a man should prove his late father and A. T. Stewart to have been brothers, but he had no personal knowledge of the matter; he had heard his father in freining refer to A. T. Stewart as his brother, but the court would not let him testify even to that and, as the defendants denied the relationship, the case fell to the ground. The identity of a person becomes even harder of proof after he is dead. In the Royal Arcanum there are several hundred thousand dollars of death benefits tied up because of the inability of heirs to prove that the insured man is dead.

Very often it is necessary to success in litigation over an estate to prove not only who were your parents, but who were your garants, but who were your garants, and in this, but are not at all consistive. Birth and marriage certificates are accepted as corrobrative, but it requires quite a mass of such matter, together with at least some witnesses, who can testify of their own personal knowledge, before a court will accept such a fact as proved to its satisfaction.

All of this illustrates the great value of

# POLITICS AT BRISTOL.

Nominations for City Officers to Be Made Obtocer 3d.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BRISTOL, VA., Sepl. 25.—On Tucsday,
October the 3d. the Democrats of Bristol will nominate their candidates for
city offices in a primary. The date of
the primary was fixed by the new excentive committee, which was organized
by the election of oseph L. Kelly, chairman, and F. M. Blekley, secretary. The
primary is to be held without cost to the
candidates. There are many aspirants
for the local offices. The candidates for
the nomination for the office of city treasurer are: J. D. Hiadde, W. K. Crymble,
G. C. Faqua, John N. Johnson, Geo. W.
Hommitt, W. B. Kligore and J. W. Owen,
Jr., the latter being the treasurer at
present. present.

The candidates for commissioner of the revenue are; James W. Mort, Dr. M. L. Fowler. For eity sergeant, the candidates are; Geo. W. Wolfe, incumbent; W. J. Cox and D. S. Cormany. The candidates for Commonwealth's attorney are; J. S. Ashworth, incumbent, and H. G. Lavinder, John H. Cose, clerk of the court and city council, is without opposition for re-election.

To-morrow the Democrats of Washington and Smyth countles and the city of Bristi will hid a coventi nat Ablagato for the purpose of nominating a candidate for State Senator to oppose A. T. Lincoln, of Smyth, the Republican zomiesent. The candidates for commissioner pf

Lincoln, of Smyth, the Republican nomi-nce. The new Constitution has given the Republicans decidedly—the advantage in nee. The new Constitution has given the Republeans decidedly-the advantage in the senatorial district. The change has not been so material anywhere as in Bristyl. Now Biristol votes less than one-half what its vote was under the old Constitution. Many persons, white and colored have been denied the right of franchise, and as a result the Democrats have lost in Bristol more than two hundred votes of their former majority here. The new Constitution has made the Ninth district unquestionably Republem by at least a moderate majority, and for the Democrats to carry the district now will call for a man who can make just such a vigorous a canvass as former Congress Rhea has been wont to make. It is probable that the ex-Congressman will be urfed to make the race at the next Congressional election. There is some task of Colonel Patrick Hagan, of Dungannon, Scott

new company which proposes the con-struction of a railroad from the South-west Virginia coal fields to the South Atlantic coast, has received two mam-moth engines from the American Loce-

moth engines from the American Loco-motive Works, and have two more of the same pattern coming. These en-glines were purchased for the company by Henry K. McHarg. For the present they will be used on the Virginia and Southwestern Railroad.

BRISTOL, VA., Sept. 25.—The East Tonnessee Medical Society, of which the physicians of both Bristolis are members, meets in its fifteenth annual session here next Thursday; ithe 38th fastant, and will be in session, for two days. Vahere next Thursday, the 38th Instant and will be in session for two days. Va-rious subjects of interest to the profession will be discussed by learned men of the profession. Dr. J. J. Masters, of Newport, Tenn., is president of the so-

Inspection Night.

In the fustings Court yestorday the following cases were tried:
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William Hudson, assault and battery, guilty, 30 days in jail.
Alfred Enting, alias Boyd, car-breaking, not guilty.

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